

the State of West Bengal during the last three years.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Promotion of traditional games

†3054. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether traditional games in the country are slowly becoming extinct if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether there is any plan to promote traditional games, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any plan to construct village stadium at every village Panchayat headquarter and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL): (a) and (b) No Sir. It is not true that the traditional/indigenous/domestic games are becoming extinct in the country.

The existing schemes of the Government of India and Sports Authority of India (SAI) lay adequate focus on the promotion of traditional and indigenous games. Under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs), various sports federations dealing with indigenous/traditional games like Chess, Wrestling, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi, Malkhamb, Atya Patya etc. have been given Government recognition, and are provided with financial assistance for promotional and developmental activities under the scheme of assistance to NSFs.

(c) Under the Scheme of Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan (RGKA), launched in February, 2014 in place of erstwhile Panchayat Yuva Krida aur Khel Abhiyan (PYKKA), integrated Sports Complexes will be constructed in every rural block panchayat of the country. Each Sports complex will cost ₹ 1.75 crore and have 11 outdoor and 5 indoor games with flexibility to choose 3 local games within the limit of 16 games. The Outdoor disciplines are Athletics, Archery, Badminton, Basketball, Football, Handball, Hockey, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Tennis and Volley ball. The indoor disciplines are Boxing, Wrestling, Table Tennis, Weightlifting and also provision of a Multi-gym.

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